

## **UPPER PENITENCIA CREEK GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Upper Penitencia Creek is located in San Jose and Santa Clara County, California. This General Investigation project is intended to reduce flood damages in the cities of San Jose and Milpitas. Alternatives under consideration for this 3.6-mile reach include a combination of flood-proofing at the upstream limit, levees, floodwalls and bypass channels.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$4,300,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$2,150,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$2,150,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04:	\$1,516,000
FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET:	\$ 46,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 588,000

FY 04 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FY04 will see continued coordination with stakeholders to optimize environmental qualities and further refine the best of the alternatives initially described, estimated, and compared during the Alternatives Resolution Conference in July 2003.

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: The Alternative Formulation Brief will resolve policy issues for the plan that best fulfills National Economic Development objectives of the project, and the Draft Report will receive review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. FY05 will also see the start of Planning, Engineering and Design, agreement on a Project Management Plan, a Project Cooperation Agreement and the Chief's Report.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project must maintain anadromous fish passage to upstream spawning areas for threatened Steelhead. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) developed plans and sought funding from Congress for flood control ("Upper Penitencia Creek Watershed Project," August 1990), but declining agricultural benefits in this urbanizing area did not allow continued NRCS participation. The local sponsor requested the US Army Corps of Engineers continue the effort in 1995.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 15th District, Rep. Mike Honda; 16<sup>th</sup> District, Rep. Zoe Lofgren

DISTRICT: San Francisco